



SAVONA ELEMENTARY



June 2020

Our Mission Statement

To respect and enable learners to grow intellectually, emotionally and socially by providing a safe, nurturing environment that encourages risk taking.

Principal's Message

As we head into June, with only a few weeks left in the school year, it seems odd that it feels like it could be September. We are looking forward to having a few of our students return to in class learning. We are embarking on a new journey as we practice physical distancing, strict hand washing protocols as well as partial school weeks. Classrooms will not look the same as when the children left but they will still have their teacher and support staff, in the classroom looking forward to seeing them.

While families have been supporting their children's learning at home, we have been working hard at the school. Teachers have reorganized their classrooms while providing on-line learning opportunities. Trades people have been coming and going over the last couple of months. Our new PAC kitchen and medical room are almost complete and our gym will be painted over the summer. Grounds people have been getting our common areas and fields ready and our custodians have been doing the deep clean as well as the extra vigilant surface cleaning. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work. Our school looks amazing! Thank you to everyone!

"Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in our hearts",
Winnie the Pooh

Voluntary Partial Return to Classes

We are very excited to have many of our students returning to classes beginning on Tuesday, June 2nd. There are no students in classes on Monday's. Teachers will focus on connecting with on-line learners. Grade K-5 students have the opportunity to be in the school 2 days per week while students in Grade 6-7 attend 1 day a week. Teachers have contacted parents regarding their child's scheduled days. Please note that bussing will be available at regular pickup and drop off times.

**WELCOME
BACK!**

In order to maintain our safety protocols, please go over the following with your child:

Bussing – Please ensure you do not send your child to the bus stop if they are not feeling well. Students will be assigned seats and must stay sitting and keep their hands to themselves. There will be one person per seat unless sitting with a sibling. The bus driver will be wearing a face shield and will step off of the bus before loading and unloading students to keep a safe distance.

Arrival at School – When your child gets off the bus or is dropped off at school, they are to wait outside their classroom door on the painted lines. Their teacher will meet them outside and allow them to enter, one at a time.

Health Screening – As the teacher admits each student to the building they will be asked the following questions. 1. Do you feel unwell today? 2. Have you been sick in the last 24hrs? 3. Do you have a fever, runny nose, sneeze or cough? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, they will not be permitted to enter the building and a parent/guardian must come pick them up.

Hand Washing – as soon as the student enters the building, they will be directed to wash their hands at the classroom sink before going to their appointed desk. Hands will also be washed before all snacks/lunch, after coming in from outside at recess and lunch and after using the washroom.

Health & Safety Video – There will be a health & safety video shown on the children’s first day back to class explaining all of the safety measures they need to take.

Hallways/Washrooms – We will be trying to keep children out of the hallways as much as possible, but if your child needs to use the washroom, they will be asked to keep to the right side of the hallway and not to touch the walls. There will only be one person allowed in the washroom at a time and signs are posted outside of each washroom to indicate if they are in use or available. They will be cleaned hourly.

This seems like a lot, but we appreciate you going over this with your child so they are aware of what the expectations will be as they return to classes. We want to ensure the safety of all of the children and staff entering our building!

Loaned Technology

We have decided to extend our loaned technology due date from June 12th until June 19th for our on-line learners. If you child is returning to school and is in Kindergarten to Grade 2, please have them bring back their Chromebook or Ipad (with chargers) on their first day back to class. These will remain at the school. If your child is returning and is in grades 3-7, please have them bring their Chromebook fully charged on their first day to class and it will go home with them at the end of



their school week. On their last days in the week of the 15-19th, they will need to bring their charger as well and the Chromebook and charger will not go back home with them.

Yearbooks

We have ordered yearbooks again this year and will be providing one for each of



our students at no charge. We’ve included many activities that happened prior to the closure, after spring break as well as pictures that have been sent in of students participating in at home learning. We look forward to seeing and sharing the finished product with you.

Fun Day

We are working on a plan for a year end “Fun Da”y for our students. It will look different this year due to our new safety guidelines. We will let you know later this month what our plans will be.



Water Bottles

With the warm weather upon us we would like to remind parents to please make sure your student



brings a water bottle to and from school each day. Water stations must be sanitized each time they are used so please help us keep that area clean by sending their water bottle to school full. It is very important for them to keep hydrated throughout

these warm weather days.

Year End Assembly

We are still working on ideas for what our year end assembly will look like. We want to make sure we



recognize student achievement, show our appreciation to our amazing PAC, say farewell to our grade seven students, and present an incredible slide show highlighting this past school year! More information will be sent home with students and by email in the coming weeks on how this will look.

Library Books

With the end of year fast approaching, we are asking all students to take some time and look at home to ensure all library books from both the school and public libraries are returned by Friday, June 19th.



Lost and Found

We still have many items remaining in our lost and found. We will be laying them out and taking pictures of the items soon. Please take a look with your child and if you notice something belonging to them, please call or email Mrs. Lamberton and we will send it home. All remaining items will be left outside on a table during the last week of school so you can take a final look. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity over the summer.



Upcoming Events

June 2	First day back in classes!
June 15	Kindergarten Orientation via Zoom @ 11:00am
June 19	Loaned Technology Due back to school
June 21	Father's Day
June 22-25	Report Cards sent home
TBA	Fun Day
TBA	Year End Assembly
June 25	Last day for Students
	Bus departs at 12:30 pm
June 26	Administrative Day

